

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/609,066	CHUE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Fred Tzeng	2651	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/27/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>6/27/2003</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Reason for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-6 are allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests a method of selecting a track density for each disk surface of a disk drive based on head characteristic, comprising specifically writing a first and second pattern along a first and second circumferential path respectively, wherein the first circumferential path comprises a first set of arcuate sections interleaved with a second set of arcuate sections and the second pattern is written along the second circumferential path during time intervals corresponding to the first set of arcuate sections, then positioning the head substantially over the center of the first circumferential path during time intervals corresponding to the second set of arcuate section for reading the first pattern to generate a first read signal amplitude measurement A0, and during time intervals corresponding to the first set of arcuate sections, reading the first pattern to generate a second read signal amplitude measurement A1, wherein the track density for use in writing embedded servo sectors to the disk surface is selected in response to A0 and A1. It is noted that, the closest prior art, Emo et al (USPN 6,091,559) teaches a method for optimizing the track density for each disk surface by measuring a track width written by each head. However, Emo et al fails to disclose writing a first and second pattern along a first and second circumferential path respectively, wherein the first circumferential path comprises a first set of arcuate sections interleaved with a second set of arcuate sections and the second pattern is written along the second circumferential path during time intervals

corresponding to the first set of arcuate sections, then positioning the head substantially over the center of the first circumferential path during time intervals corresponding to the second set of arcuate section for reading the first pattern to generate a first read signal amplitude measurement A0, and during time intervals corresponding to the first set of arcuate sections, reading the first pattern to generate a second read signal amplitude measurement A1, wherein the track density for use in writing embedded servo sectors to the disk surface is selected in response to A0 and A1.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Fred Tzeng whose telephone number is 571-272-7565. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571-272-7843. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 571-273-7565 for After Final communications.

4. Informal regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (**PAIR**) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For

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